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### ■ SIPHON

## Vetoed bill good news for Lake Erie

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Lake Erie may have dodged a bullet.

Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich recently vetoed a bill that would have allowed individual businesses to each siphon nearly 19 million litres (five million gallons) of water out of Lake Erie every day without state approval. It also would have allowed the businesses to siphon an additional 7.5 million litres from creeks and rivers in the lake's watershed.

Colin Nutt, a Welland truck driver who has taken a keen interest in the issue, breathed a sigh of relief when he heard about the veto.

"It's good news," said Nutt, who used to live along the lakeshore and said he hopes to own again.

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### ■ HELP: Police and bystanders help man

## Seeing a need for understanding



MARYANNE FIRTH  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — When Brent Kovach came to, he had no memory of what had happened.

He had a cut on his head and scrapes on his knees and elbows.

Kovach had had a seizure — that much he knew.

But that was not uncommon for the 49-year-old who has been living with epilepsy all his life.

It was a series of phone calls after his blackout period that raised confusion about just what happened recently on Clarence St.

It began as a routine day for Sgt. Dave Weeks of the Niagara Regional Police, but that quickly changed.

He was inside a business on Clarence St., when someone came in to call for assistance — there was a man on the ground down the street and he needed help.

As Weeks neared, he could tell the man was having a seizure and immediately called for an ambulance.

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## ■ LAKE ERIE

# Badawey: 'Too many loose ends' in Ohio initiative

FROM PAGE 1

"I love that place. I want to preserve it. I don't think these other states should even consider trying to do this," he said.

In an e-mail, Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey, a member of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, said he shares Nutt's concerns about the impact the proposed Ohio legislation could have had on the shallowness of the Great Lakes.

"Would any withdrawals, over and above the current, result in further algae infestation along the shores?" he asked, adding that's one of many questions that need to be answered before consideration is given to siphoning any more water out of the lake.

He said there were "too many loose ends" in the legislation Ohio was considering, and more discussion is needed before any similar initiatives are considered.

Nutt was disturbed at how quietly that bill was making its way through the state's political process. He said little information had been published on this side of the border about the proposal.

"What strikes me most is the lack of knowledge that we had over here about what was going on over there, considering every-one's stake involved," he said.

When Nutt first learned about the proposal, he said he called Premier Dalton McGuinty's office, the Environment Ministry and



ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo  
Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey is concerned about the impact siphoning millions of litres of water out of Lake Erie could have on the resource.

MPs.

"I was trying to talk to everybody and anybody I could, because I was in a panic."

Staff at the government offices he called told him they

had no information about it.

By the time Nutt learned about it, he said the bill was sitting on Kasch's desk waiting to be either signed or vetoed the next day.

"Wow, where was the representation," Nutt said. "They're aware of the Great Lakes Compact and they can't do that kind of stuff, and yet they tried to push this through anyway."

The Great Lakes Compact is a binational agreement signed in 2008 to preserve the freshwater resource.

Badawey was also concerned about the lack of information about the bill. If there has been discussion between Ohio's government and Canada's federal government, he wonders why communities along the lake-shore were not informed about those discussions.

If there has not been any discussions between Ohio and Canada, he said those talks

need to take place.

"This discussion must include Canada, in particular those jurisdictions that are attached to the Great Lakes," Badawey said.

Despite the veto, Nutt fears the fight isn't over.

"I think attention needs to remain on them (Ohio's governors and businesses) so they can be kept in check," he said.

Overriding the veto would require a three-fifths majority in the Ohio legislature.

Badawey suspects that now that the bill has been vetoed, Kasch may "begin an inclusive process that results in the overall best interests of the Great Lakes being met."

"Anything less is simply irresponsible," he said.

## ■ POLICE

## Seizure leaves Port Colborne man in a hazy state

FROM PAGE 1

According to a witness, Kovach had taken a hard fall off his bike, hitting his head on the pavement and then getting into seizure.

As the seizure came to an end, Kovach was "sweating profusely" and a well-meaning bystander poured water over his head in an attempt to cool him off, Weeks said.

But the act, along with blaring fire truck sirens, only agitated the Port Colborne man, who was still not cognizant of the situation.

Kovach jumped up and tried to run into the street.

Concerned about a potential head injury and wanting to keep Kovach from harming himself, Weeks said he and bystander brought him back to the sidewalk, despite some resistance, and, using some force, sat him down.

But Kovach still incoherently kept trying to jump up — even twice bouncing into a plate-glass window at the CIBC bank.

Weeks said he worked to "wangle and corral" Kovach, trying to prevent him from receiving any further injuries. At times Weeks got in his way to prevent him from moving

into the streets, at other times he had to hold him firmly.

A man then came forward from the crowd and was able to convince Kovach to calmly have a seat on the nearby grass.

Kovach, who has a fear of ambulances, refused treatment and signed a waiver on scene. Then still in a hazy state, he does not remember signing the form.

When he finally came to, he was already at his sister Terry Leggett's house. His last memory was riding his bike along Clarence.

Kovach knew he had had

a seizure, but what came as a surprise was the information people began calling him about as early as the night of the incident.

People from the community were telling him he was beaten by police — punched and even kicked.

The rumour mill began to spin, and the police station and Kovach's family and friends began getting calls from concerned citizens.

Though it may not have looked like a pleasant situation, Weeks said there was no punching or kicking involved. All actions taken, he said, were

done to protect Kovach from any further harm.

He said he found the fabricated stories "unsettling," and was happy to sit down with Kovach to describe the events to him.

"I wanted to set his mind at ease," Weeks said, adding it must be terrifying to have no recollection of what happened.

Brent's sister, Terry Leggett, thanked the police, paramedics and bystanders who stepped in to ensure her brother wasn't injured. She also thanked everyone for their concern over the situation.

"People sometimes see

things they don't understand," she said, adding she appreciates the efforts made by police.

Kovach shook his head and said he doesn't understand where the stories came from.

But one thing is for sure, he's thankful Weeks was there.

Police are not only there to protect victims of crime, but to respond to medical emergencies, said Staff Sgt. Murray Hadey, the district commander of Port Colborne and Wainfleet.

Officers are trained in basic first aid and can act as first responders when necessary, he said.

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■ **HOBBIES:** Alex Gray hoping to share his lifelong passion with others through a new club

## Marine modelling floats his boat



DAVE JOHNSON  
Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Alex Gray was eight years old when he attended his first model boat show. He remembers seeing the boats on the water and being fascinated by them.

That fascination led to him building his first remote-controlled model boat in 1962-63 and a lifelong passion for the hobby.

"I've been building them for the past 50 years. I just love to build and love to sail the boats," said the former cabinet maker who moved to Port Colborne last year and who also loves electronics.

"I love to work with wood and fine details. It's a very relaxing hobby and helps take your mind off any frustrations and problems."

Gray's pursuit has led to a fully-outfitted basement workshop.

He has tugs, jet skis, jet boats, Formula One racing boats, sailboats and even submarines ready to go in the water and operate.

There's even a shark's fin submarine.

Gray said the fin has been seen on TV a number of times when television stations covered a model boat show in Toronto.

"Cameramen always seem to focus on it."

One of the more interesting model boats he has is a Springer tug, which he named Jerry. The tug has a body that is standard, but the wheelhouse section is interchangeable. One wheelhouse is the standard type, but two others are definitely not what a person would find on a regular tug.

There's a caveman scene and another which features a person sitting on a toilet with the door open. Gray likes to put little touches of humour like that into his creations.

With 20 plus remote con-

trol boats, not to mention remote control airplanes, sitting in his workshop, Gray said the hobby is not an expensive one.

"You can go out and buy one that's ready to run for \$50. You can buy hobby-grade kits that run around \$150, it all depends on how much you want to spend."

Gray said the price of kits has gone down over the years and the electronics involved have become less expensive, smaller and more powerful.

"The electronics are much more advanced."

Some electric motors will drive boats up to nearly 100 km/h on the water. Gray even has a remote-controlled dragster that will run at 160 km/h.

Gray is looking to share the passion and hobby with others in the city with the formation of a group called Port Colborne Marine Modelers. He hopes to attract people of all ages to the hobby and club and will create a junior division for younger members.

"I have five people interested so far and would like to have a minimum of at least 20 people."

The club will be open to model boaters and people with display boats. He has put flyers around Niagara hobby

shops, at Port Colborne Public Library and other locations in the city.

"I'm open to everything and the club should be open to everyone," said Gray, adding people of all skills are welcome and there will be workshops, show-and-tell competitions and public displays.

When he first came to Port Colborne, Gray spoke with Mayor Vance Badaway about forming a club. The mayor said meeting rooms at city hall could be used by the club to hold meetings.

Gray hopes to be at Canal Days to spot the word, but is recovering from an injury that may keep him from the event.

During the festival, model boats are on display on the grounds of Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum. The boats come from the Great Lakes Model Boating Association, of which Gray is a member.

For more information on Port Colborne Marine Modelers, contact Gray at [pemmgibell.net](mailto:pemmgibell.net), call him between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 905-834-9758 or join the Yahoo group he created at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pcmarinemodelers>.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo  
ABOVE: Alex Gray talks about some of the various remote control boats he has in his basement workshop. Gray is trying to get members for his new club Port Colborne Marine Modelers.

LEFT: This remote control jet ski is just one of the remote control boats Alex Gray has in his basement workshop. Gray is trying to get members for his new club Port Colborne Marine Modelers.



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Alex Gray holds a Formula One boat as he stands amongst his many remote control boats and planes in his basement workshop. Gray is trying to get members for his new club Port Colborne Marine Modelers.

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## ourview

## Right direction

Wainfleet is headed in the right direction when it comes to taking care of leaking/broken septic systems along the Lake Erie shoreline.

Last week, Greg Wuismann, the township's director of operations, presented a report on the on-site sewage system program, also known as the "find, repair, replace" program.

While the document was only for council's information and to seek direction, it is a positive step forward in finding a solution to the problem.

It is the township's answer to Niagara Region's proposed Big Pipe, which was turned down by council. The Big Pipe could have seen a water-sewer line installed in the boil water advisory area of the township. That area is everything south of the Gord Harty Trail, a former rail line, and from the Port Colborne to Haldimand County border. The cost of the proposed pipeline was one of the reasons council rejected the idea. Many residents were also opposed to the plan.

The proposal put forward by Wuismann, with council input, could see septic system inspections in the boil water advisory area every three years and mandatory inspections when property is transferred from one party to another. Inspections will only be carried out in the boil water advisory area, the area that needs to be addressed and fixed. If warranted, inspections could be township-wide.

The program should kick off this fall, once council discusses it further, and will see it rolled out in two stages. The first stage being implementation of the regulating and enforcement of Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code (regular permit applications, planning department comments, real estate inspections, and special requests/complaints). That stage would be Wainfleet basically be taking over duties now handled by Niagara Region. The second stage would be implementation of a mandatory inspection program.

If problems are found, then homeowners would be responsible for fixing up their septic systems.

We're sure that some residents will have a hard time trying to fix or repair faulty systems, but the cost will be much less than it would had they been required to hook into a pipeline.

Most of the pipeline, while never set, was estimated at \$100 million. That cost would have been borne by regional taxpayers and township residents. Wainfleet residents would have had to pay varying amounts to hook into the system and the cost could have made some sell their homes.

We're sure the "find, repair, replace" program will help solve most of the problems in the boil water advisory area and hope to see it get underway soon.

## readers'views

### Youth not the problem in Port Colborne

There have been several articles/discussions concerning the Canal Promenade in Port Colborne, the compass area on West St. and the teenagers that hang out there.

I have worked in the education field for many years and have owned a local business in Port Colborne. I know many of the teens who hang out at the compass both from my classrooms and several of them were great customers. There never had any issues with any of them at any time.

I do understand the concerns of local business owners in the area. Sometimes there are a lot of teens hanging in the area and I suppose they do get loud and litter occasionally.

Council recently passed a motion or bylaw to prohibit the use of skateboards in this area. I think it is time council looks at the real issue: the issue is teens hanging out in our city to hang out and skate or just be kids. They congregate here because its central to the whole city and there are services there for their use. These teens spend money at the local store and other businesses getting refreshments.

It's time the city stepped up and built a place for teens to go hang out. A skate park with an outdoor pool would be a great solution.

Drive by the Welland skate park or the outdoor pool at Maple Park and see how many teens are there. We don't see articles about the locals wanting them gone.

I have been by the compass late at night while riding my bike and this is where some locals hang out and drink.

## COLUMN

# Music lovers treated to local talent

LINDSAY COSTELLO

Special to InPort News

Local musicians and music lovers had something to sing about last weekend as dozens of area artists gathered to rock out at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.

Ubertyouth co-ordinator Rita Smith enlisted the help of Ben Andrews, a Welland resident and musician, to assist the youth group in putting together Rock in the Park, a free, outdoor concert.

This was the first year Andrews was involved with the event and

Some may be teens but most are older. These drinks are more of an issue than the daytime teens will ever be.

There have also been two daytime fights that I am aware of recently. Both occurred when a drunk adult came out of a local establishment and started bad mouthing the kids and an argument or fight erupted. Who's fault is this?

You cannot blame all the problems at West St. Just on the teens that hang out there. There has been a lot of money spent on Main St. and even more being spent on the Wellness Centre. It is time we spend some money on the youth of Port Colborne.

Todd Klacko

Port Colborne

### Some clean energy research?

Hi Doris, The only bit I found vaguely factual was that ... Australia hopes to get 33% of its energy needs from power by 2020. "Hope" is never a fact. And the "hope" is based on the wind, as well as solar industries, having their profit subsidized by uncollected taxes, not only yours and mine Doris, but those of our children and even our grandchildren. Without those tax subsidies the alternate energy industries would collapse because they are totally uneconomical, unreliable and inefficient. As to actual facts? From the I.E.S.O website at 9:30am this morning, 15 July, 2011.

Total generation capacity in Ontario at 9 a.m. — 20,862 MW

Total capacity available in Ontario at 9 a.m. — 25,818 MW

Demand in Ontario at 9 a.m. — 16,671

MW

Total capacity available in Ontario (Wind) — 1334 MW (3.8%)

Total capacity available in Ontario (Other — including solar) — 122 MW (0.3%)

Wind energy contribution to Ontario at 9 a.m., July 15 — 80 MW

0.3% of Capacity available, 0.5% of demand at 9 a.m., July 15.

But your research didn't give you the actual answers I was hoping for?

It isn't research to accept the wind energy industries statistics without question. The rated capacity of industrial wind turbines are what they can theoretically generate under ideal wind conditions. Even the wind energy companies will agree they expect no more than 30% efficiency and all studies so far suggest no more than 20% is more likely. Denmark, the "poster child" A claimed 20% after 20 years and more, when the Danish government stopped building industrial wind turbines on shore because of growing public opposition.

And the Lowbarks figures sound very impressive but you failed to state exactly what they actually contributed to the grid at any given time, and just what economic benefit the Lowbarks community have received from them? Are their hydro bills less than Wainfleet's?

If they can supply 3,000 households with just five industrial wind turbines why are the forecasts for these machines in the tens of thousands to supply just 20% of Ontario's energy needs by 2030?

And of course, the kicker ... where is the 80% of Ontario's energy needs coming from in 2030?

Andrew Watts

Wainfleet

was responsible for organizing the musicians that would be sharing the stage.

He said he felt there was a good amount of community support and that the many local musicians that got involved were contributing to the success of the area's music scene and helping to build culture.

There's a lot of young talent out there," he said, adding many teens are taking a do-it-yourself approach and launching their own bands.

With two stages, one at the band shell and one at the pavilion, there

was a variety of music throughout the afternoon and evening. Many genres were represented and the composition of the talent also varied with everything from full bands to solo artists.

The concert began at 4 p.m. and ran till 10 p.m. and included performances by The Autumn Crush, Hunters and Anglers, and Matt Dell Music among others.

Andrew estimated several hundred people had passed through the park throughout the afternoon, adding he expected attendance to pick up as the night went on.

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■ COSTELLO

# Macbeth takes the stage in Port Colborne

FROM PAGE 4

Musicians and music fans were not the only ones who attended the event. Various booths were set up including one from Bridges Community Health Centre who shared their knowledge and charity fundraising group Music For Peace who sold their merchandise. Bands and artists were also able to sell their own merchandise and spread the word about their upcoming appearances.

Andrew said Rock in the Park is something he could see himself being involved with in the years to come.

"It's fun to do with the community."

GARDEN GETAWAY

Something wicked came this way as locals were treated to a Shakespearean classic last Tuesday.

Driftwood Theatre Group brought their version of Macbeth to the city as part of The Bard's Bus Tour, a summer tradition that sees actors performing across the province each summer in a tribute to William Shakespeare.

Making their first ever Port Colborne appearance, the group performed a pay-what-you-can show for those visiting the Roselawn Centre's garden.

The group partnered with Showboat Festival Theatre,

as they are both companies that perform in the round. The outdoor venue was filled with about 100 theatre lovers who could bring lawn chairs and blankets to the relaxed atmosphere.

Although the sets and costumes remained minimal, sound and lighting added to the experience and helped create the mood.

With a cast of only eight, some actors played multiple roles in Shakespeare's classic tale of a soldier, who with the help of his wife and three witches, rises to power.

Dan Gallo, Driftwood Theatre's front of the house coordinator, said the tour has been going very well and

usually draws a fairly large audience.

"It's something about the nature of Macbeth," he said of what he felt drew people to the play. He feels the gory nature of the production can spark interest in the show. Driftwood Theatre originated in Oshawa, Ont., before relocating to Toronto and is now in its 17th year. Currently in its third week, The Bard's Bus Tour will continue throughout the summer before concluding on August 14.

*If you know of a community event you would like to see featured in this column, e-mail your ideas to [lindsaycostello@hotmail.com](mailto:lindsaycostello@hotmail.com).*



LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo  
Matt Dell Music performed at Rock in the Park on July 23. The free, outdoor concert, held at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, ran from 2 to 10 p.m. and saw dozens of local artists sharing two stages.



LINDSAY COSTELLO InPort News Photo  
The Roselawn Centre garden was transformed into a stage as Driftwood Theatre Company's travelling actors brought their production of Macbeth to the city on July 19.

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■ **COMPLAINTS:** Residents not happy with road

# Golf Course Rd. project par for the course, Wuisman says

DAVE JOHNSON  
Tribune Staff

**WAINFLEET** — Golf Course Rd. was at a critical stage said the township's director of operations and work carried out recently has extended its life considerably.

Greg Wuisman gave a quick update on the road during Tuesday night's council meeting after Ald. Betty Kone brought the issue of the road's condition up.

Kone and Mayor April Jeffs said they're still getting calls and e-mails about the road from residents weeks after work on resurfacing a two-kilometre stretch of the road was completed.

"It is the topic of much discussion," said Kone. Wuisman said when the road was originally being resurfaced, heavy rains caused an emulsion being put down to liquify and



Hessels

bubble. I appeared we might lose a section of the road ... the contractor took the right measures."

Wuisman said some of the emulsion, star, started to move from the road surface and the contractor, NorJohn Contracting and Paving, put down extra stone to absorb it and took steps to ensure it didn't migrate into ditches.

Since that time, the emulsion has started to settle and stabilize, he added.

"The road does have some discoloration due to choke stone put down in the one lane. The road is improving and behaving much like it's expected to," said Wuisman.

Alderman heard the con-



Jeffs

tractor is well aware of concerns the township has around the round and will be back on location within a couple of weeks to make any needed or necessary repairs. The road also has a one-year warranty on it.

Wuisman said the contractor is a good one and he's quite happy with the direction the road is taking.

Ald. Ted Hessels, chair of the public works committee, said he can understand why people might be complaining, but added people needed to have patience and let the treatment work.

"This is going to make the road last an extra few years," he said.

Jeffs said residents aren't



Wuisman

Wuisman said the choke stone that was put down in the west lane of Golf Course Rd. is a different colour and that's what residents aren't noticing. He said the road is the same width, but added any excess stone, that could make it look like the road wasn't as wide, would be graded and removed from the side.

In response to a question from Kone, he said it cost the township roughly \$40,000 to have the surface treatment of tar and chip done.

Both Kone and Ald. Richard



Kone

mix asphalt.

Wuisman said covering a road that was originally hot mix asphalt with tar and chip was an acceptable practice.

Kone questioned whether there should have been a staff report before the township spent \$40,000 on the work.

Hessels said the treatment of Golf Course Rd. was a maintenance issue, not a capital project.

Wuisman said council approved the resurfacing when it passed the budget earlier this year.

Ald. David Wyatt wondered

Dykstra wondered why the road was being resurfaced with the tar and chip and not being replaced with hot

**"If we did hot mix, the road would have to have been shaved and paved ... the cost would have been around \$200,000, my entire budget."**

Greg Wuisman, Wainfleet director of operations

what the cost per kilometre to repave the road with hot mix asphalt would have been.

"If we did hot mix, the road would have to have been shaved and paved ... the cost would have been around \$200,000, my entire budget," said Wuisman.

He said resurfacing a road, covering up cracks that allow water into the roadway, will extend its life.

"It can give a road an extra eight to 10 years ... and we've seen higher in Wainfleet"

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### THREATENED AT HOME

WAINFLEET — Police are searching for two suspects in a Wainfleet home invasion that took place early last Friday morning.

Shortly before 5 a.m., Niagara Regional Police responded to a call for assistance on Lakeshore Rd. in

Wainfleet.

Two men had entered a residence brandishing a baseball bat and threatening the home's male occupant.

The victim was not injured during the incident.

"It definitely was not random,"

said Det. Sgt. Jay Nesbitt said of the incident. He could not disclose whether the home's occupant was known to the suspects. Police are not releasing the address of the home.

The two suspects are described as white males in their 20s.

### ■ COUNCIL: Wainfleet denies request

# Couple's retirement home turned down

DAVE JOHNSON  
In Port News Staff

WAINFLEET — Mark and Vicki Truman won't be building their retirement home on the shores of Lake Erie after council turned down a request for a zoning bylaw amendment.

Lot coverage of the proposed new home, a two-storey residence with detached garage, and the township wanting to correct past poor planning policies were reasons expressed by one alderman for turning down the application.

The couple were before council recently talking about their plans for the property, which has an 80-year-old cottage and detached garage on it now.

"The cottage needs major improvements to extend its useful life and we have been trying to decide whether to renovate or building," said Vicki Truman, adding the cottage roof is now leaking badly.

"We decided to rebuild, we don't want a short term fix."

She said the couple first applied for a zoning change in 2009 and came back again in 2010 to get the process underway. At the time they came back in 2010, the septic system proposed for the property, on Lakeshore Rd., was not supported by various agencies.

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority also wanted studies carried out on a sand dune on the property. Truman said consultants were hired for the septic system and studies needed.

With moving the rear wall of their proposed garage and a new septic system, of the highest standard said Truman, they received approval from the conservation authority.

"The lot coverage of the cottage is 11.8% and our new coverage will be 20.6% for our home and 5.1% for our garage."

Under the township's existing bylaws, a coverage of 7% is allowed. Lot coverage means a certain area has to be set aside to allow for septic systems on a property to handle waste produced in a home.

"The are homes in the area that have larger lot coverages. We're asking for your support," said Truman.

Ald. Betty Konic said the couple if they were aware of the proposed Big

Pipe, which would have carried wastewater lines along the lakeshore, when they bought the cottage.

Truman said they had followed the coverage of the issue, including council's decision to kill the Big Pipe and to put an interim bylaw freezing new development along the lakeshore. She said the couple applied for their change before the interim bylaw was passed recently.

Konic said the pipeline was proposed by the region because of poor planning policies in the past that allowed too many properties too close to each other and not enough lot coverage.

"I'm a little frustrated with residents, not to be disrespectful, who continue to come forward and ask for lot coverage increases and want to build big new homes without letting council do what needs to be done first," said Konic.

She said the township needs to correct problems associated with failing septic systems along the lakeshore and get its inspection program underway.

"I can't support your request in all good conscience," said Konic.

Ald. David Wyatt asked when the Trumans wanted to get the work underway and heard they wanted to start this fall.

He believed the septic system proposed could be a test model for others along the lakeshore, adding it was something for council to consider.

Ald. Ted Hesselges agreed with septic system could be a test model, but said he had a real problem with lot coverage.

"If we let you go with 20% we set a precedent as to what lot coverage could be in the area," said Ted Hesselges.

After hearing from the couple, council voted on the application and unanimously turned it down.



Konic



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■ SUGGESTIONS: Aldermen give their thoughts

# Sewage inspection program introduced

DAVE JOHNSON  
Tribune Staff

**WAINFLEET** — Septic system inspections in the bowl water advisory area of the township could be carried out every three years and inspections could be mandatory when property is transferred from one party to another.

Those were recommendations council made Tuesday night after Greg Wuisman, the township's director of operations, presented a report on the on-site sewage system program, also known as the find, repair, replace program.

"Staff have put a lot of work into this ... it's for information only and to bring you up to speed to where we're at," Wuisman told council.

One of the proposals presented in the report called for an independent department, to be set up outside of the building department, to carry out inspections on septic systems in Wainfleet.

In his report, Wuisman said the proposed program will be phased in through two stages; the first stage will be implementation of the regulating and enforcement of Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code (regular permit applications, planning department comments, real estate inspections, and special requests/complaints). In the first stage,

council will basically be taking over duties currently handled by Niagara Region. The second stage will be implementation of a mandatory inspection program. The first stage kicks in this fall and the second stage will kick in next spring.

Wuisman explained to council how septic systems work. He said sewage goes into a tank for primary treatment where it is broken down before going into a leaching bed. From the leaching bed, it flows through the soil, called a treatment zone, where bacteria break down the waste further and from there it heads into ground water, where it is diluted.

"It's a pretty good system. In Wainfleet we have a major problem in the treatment zone."

In many areas, Wuisman said there is insufficient soil for the sewage to flow through and break down. "That will be our challenge when we are out there."

There is new technology, council heard, that can be used in between septic tank and leaching bed and that will be looked into.

When the new department is set up, with new staff to be hired, inspections will be carried in two phases. The first phase is non-intrusive said Wuisman. He said staff will



Dykstra

detailed inspection will be carried out by qualified third parties. Homeowners would be responsible for any repairs.

While there are a few contractors in Wainfleet that could carry out repairs, and others across the region, Wuisman said they would all have to be approved as qualified by the townships. It was suggested audits of their work be carried out to ensure repairs were being done properly.

Wuisman said township staff had consulted with the Ontario Wastewater Association, region and other agencies when the report was being prepared.

He asked council to give him direction as to whether the inspection program should be carried out every three or five years and asked if only the bowl water advisory should be inspected or the whole township.

Ald. Richard Dykstra won-



Wuisman

dered why the rest of the township would be targeted when there are no issues in a village of septic systems. "We should target the problem area first and see how it progresses before we go township-wide," said Dykstra.

Wuisman agreed with Dykstra, but said he was thinking more long term and of fairness.

**We should target the problem area first and see how it progresses before we go township-wide."**

Wainfleet Ald. Richard Dykstra

"Is it fair to do just one area?" he asked.

Ald. Ted Heskels said the issue of going township wide with inspections could be revisited in the future.

Ald. David Wyatt questioned the impact on staffing for a three- or five-year program.

Wuisman said more staff would be needed for the

three-year program.

Council heard the program would also be revenue neutral and there would be no impact on taxpayers. Wages, office supplies, staff, expenses would all be recovered through the inspection program.

Ald. Betty Konec said the region and others would be watching the program to see what Wainfleet does.

"We have to do it right," she said.

She asked what would be in regards to educating the public about the program.

Wuisman said the Ontario Wastewater Association would be willing to come down and hold a public information session and township staff could come up with pamphlets and brochures. Those items could tell people about the program and what they should look for in regards to their septic systems.

"We need to do this now before the seasonal residents go home," said Konec of notifying the public.

Dykstra asked Wuisman about compliance with the program.

"How do we get residents to comply ... what do we have to hold them accountable?" he asked.

Wuisman said the regulating document for the inspection program would be the Ontario Building Code, a

"very powerful document." As chief building official in the township, Wuisman said people could be fined, taken to court and in extreme circumstances have their occupancy permit for their home revoked.

"There's quite a bit of teeth there to tackle the issue," he said.

Though it wasn't in the report, Dykstra, and other alderman, wondered if inspections should be mandatory when there's a property transfer. It isn't under the region's current program, though many lending institutions will ask for one to be carried out as a condition of a loan.

Scott Luey, Wainfleet's chief administrative officer, said the township would have to investigate whether it had the authority to have mandatory inspections in real estate transactions.

Luey said if the township was allowed to do so a home would not be inspected twice. An inspection would only be needed if the home hadn't yet had one by the township. If a home had already been inspected, that inspection would stand in the change of ownership.

He also said there will be further reports to council on the inspection program and more discussion on the issue.

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■ **CANAL DAYS:** Finger Eleven playing at Market Square

# 'We love making songs and we want the whole world to hear it'

EDDIE CHAU  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — "Whatever doesn't kill me doesn't make me stronger, but I'm not gonna give up yet. And if these walls should weaken, I'm still strong enough to know I'm going to build them up again."

The lyrics from Finger Eleven's song *Whatever Doesn't Kill Me* can be used to describe the band's musical evolution.

For the Burlington-based band's latest album, *Life Turns Electric*, Finger Eleven added another feather in its cap by producing the album on top of its lyrical and musical duties.

The result is a stronger, more rock-charged atmosphere, which is a different sound than the album's precursor, 2007's *Them Vs. You Vs. Me*, which had a more mellow sound to it.

"One thing that's constant in our music is that it's pretty guitar heavy," said guitarist Rick Jaccett in a phone interview from Minneapolis, Minn.

"When we were making our record (*Life Turns Electric*) we went to go back to the stuff we grew up listening to in the '70s. We really listened to the music and the instruments involved. We really pushed ourselves as songwriters and musicians. We wanted something strong."

Finger Eleven has come a long



Supplied photo

Finger Eleven will be headlining a performance at Market Square in Port Colborne July 30 as part of Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival.

way since its formation in 1989 in high school as the Rainbow Butt Monkeys. It's a name that would eventually be changed to Finger Eleven upon the release of its

second album, *Tip*, but because of the Internet, Jaccett said the band will always be asked about it.

"We were in a battle of the bands and we didn't have a name yet,"

Jaccett said. "A friend had come up with the Rainbow Butt Monkeys and it stuck. From seven months we went from the event to being signed to a label. In order to be

taken seriously we had to be called something else. Finger Eleven is what we changed it to. It was the best decision we made."

The band has seen its fair share of success with five albums and a slew of hits including *One Thing* and *Paralyzer*.

There isn't a place one can visit without hearing one of Finger Eleven's songs. *Paralyzer* can often be heard at sporting events and is featured in several video games including *Guitar Hero* and *Rock Band*.

The song *Slow Chemical* was used for several years as the theme song for WWE pro-wrestler Kane (Glenn Jacobs).

"We were asked (by WWE) to do the song. Only the beginning riff resembled Kane's old song. We wrote the rest," said Jaccett. "One day we were watching TV and Kane came out to the song and we said, 'Holy s---, that's our song!' It was cool at the point. We were happy with it. We love making songs and we want the whole world to hear it."

The band has been touring the past few months to support its latest record and will be making a stop in Port Colborne to perform July 30 as part of Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival.

Jaccett said each venue on the tour has ranged in size from small intimate venues to large stages. No matter where Finger Eleven performs he said the crowd is always energized and loyal.

"We have a widespread audience," Jaccett said. "We love performing in places we've never been to. It's like being in front of a new, excited crowd. We look forward to coming to Port Colborne."

The band will be performing songs from *Life Turns Electric* along with a number of classics.

Canal Days will present four days of concerts at Market Square from July 29 to Aug. 1. The all-ages concerts are free admission but \$2 to \$5 donations will be accepted at the gate.

On Friday, July 29, Helix will take the stage at 8 p.m. followed by Nazareth at 10 p.m. Saturday, July 29 will bring the band Ridge at 8 p.m., Whale Trough at 9 p.m. followed by Finger Eleven at 10:30 p.m.

Niagara Music Collective will perform at 8 p.m. on Sunday, July 31.

Sister Act and The Caverners will perform at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively on Monday, Aug. 1.

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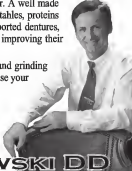
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## ■ RECREATION

# Hefty price tag for Wainfleet Arena's future

InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — After reading through the whole recreation master plan document, Ald. David Wyatt told consultant Fred Galloway he was quite impressed.

"It's a great undertaking and Wainfleet will be well-served by it," Wyatt said

recently as the report was presented to township council.

The alderman's only difficulty with the plan was how some of the opportunities expressed in it could be implemented financially.

"There are a lot of opportunities, but opportunities don't come cheap," he said.

Galloway, of management

and planning consultant firm F.J. Galloway Associates Inc., said he tried to show different funding sources for the various options.

One thing he said had to be looked at no matter what is Wainfleet Arena.

While the arena needs at least \$2 million in work over the next number of years,

depending on what council wants to do with the facility, it could cost anywhere between \$7 million and \$9 million to make changes.

"The arena is the hub of recreational activity in Wainfleet," he told council as he presented his report.

In the report, Galloway said the township can look at closing

the arena, especially with declining membership in both hockey and figure skating and multi-pad arenas in neighbouring municipalities being built. It could also look at renewing and expanding the current facility.

"Maybe cut the arena and make it more of a community centre," he said, adding

if the township wants to save money now, it could cut non-prime time hours of operation Monday through Friday.

When putting together the plan, he said residents recognized the tourism potential in various recreation resources in the community.

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■ **HORSES:** Maria Vrbicek rides out of Big V Farms

# Young rider picks up some medals

For InPort News

WAINFLEET — Big V Farm's Maria Vrbicek competed at the Cedar Ridge Jumper Show in Peiham earlier this month and brought home some medals.

She competed on Austin, a Trakehner gelding — bred, owned and trained by her grandfather Ivan.

The show she competed in consisted of three divisions, with four classes in each division: Clear Round, Gambler's Choice, Table A Speed and a Stake Class with a bit of prize money.

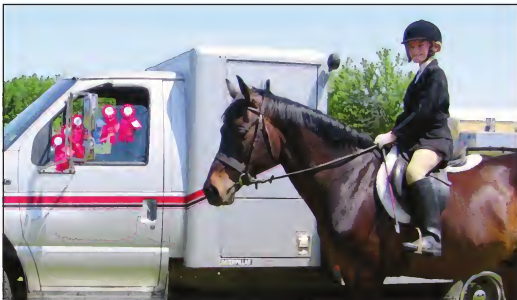
Austin and Maria steadily improved in the beginner jumper division, taking home a second place ribbon in the jumper stake. In the stake class, which consisted of first round

jump offs against the clock for first place, nine horses made it through to the jump off.

Maria was the class leader until the last horse beat Austin's time by fractions of a second.

She was the youngest rider in the competition at 10 years of age. Austin has plenty of experience, with years of competing successfully on the National Junior Circuit acquiring numerous awards and championships including Marshall and Sterling League Reserve Champion in 2003 and Trakehner Horse of the Year in 2001 and 2003.

Jim Corbett and his helpful staff run an excellent show in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The footing in the ring and course design was good.



Maria Vrbicek and Austin, proudly displaying their array of ribbons won at the Bertie Willoughby Saddle Club show on June 19.

For the event, coaches were permitted to be in the ring with their students, a tremendous help for novice horses and riders. Corbett was very considerate and patient with riders having problems getting their mounts over the colourful

jumps, giving horses and riders confidence.

Corbett and Ivan, Maria's grandfather, agreed it is vital training for both horse and rider to leave the ring on a positive note. Riders were encouraged by an enthusiastic and

appreciative crowd of parents and friends.

On Sunday, July 10, Maria, on a different horse, competed at the Camberwell Trillium show, part of the Central West Provincial Circuit. It was Maria's first provincial show

with Austin's half brother Edi.

Again, Maria improved over the three classes offered in the junior/amateur one metre jumper division with a sixth place in the table A speed and capturing second place in the power and speed class.

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## ■ RECREATION

# Wainfleet considering ATV/motorcycle trails

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The lakeshore and trails are opportunities that can be utilized by residents and tourists, he said.

"You can work to improve

the water quality along the lakeshore. The township can undertake an assessment and inventory of all the waterfront properties and see if there's additional

potential public access."

Supporting private sector opportunities for waterfront access is also an option.

"You have tremendous opportunities for trails ... you

have one strong trail system now," said Galloway.

In addition to trails for cyclists and walkers, Wainfleet could consider ATV/motorcycle trails. Unopened road allowances or a system along the Feeder Canal could be developed, he said.

Council accepted Galloway's report and will look at ways to implement it.

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■ **ARTIST:** Esa's work on display at Arts Place Gallery

# Local painter inspired by the great outdoors

InPort News Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — A trip to northern Ontario is always sacred to Port Colborne artist Esa.

It's the natural landscapes and wildlife that attract Esa to the attractions and what he takes in is translated via canvas with acrylic paints.

"I go on trips all over Ontario. I have to travel. It allows me to get away and have my artistic fix," the single-named artist said.

"I get my inspiration from the outdoors. When I get inspired, I paint. It's pleasant."

The many paintings that currently adorn the walls at Arts Place Gallery depict many natural elements.

Whether it's waterfalls, a scenic forest or a lone eagle flying in the air, all of Esa's work are best described by his latest exhibition's name, Expressions of His Art.

"I've been painting since 1968," said Esa, a merchant seaman in a previous life. "It's always been my livelihood. The Ontario wilderness has always been my thing. The other half of my paintings are more modern and abstract."

**"I have to travel. It allows me to get away and have my artistic fix."**

Esa, painter

Born Esa Nieminen in Finland, the artist spent the first half of his life as a merchant seaman travelling around the world. While the life at sea allowed Esa to travel, his true calling was art.

Esa has been an artist for more than 40 years. Originally settling in the Lake Temiskaming area, Esa and his

family moved to Port Colborne a few years ago where he continues to pursue his passion in art, which includes a recent art seminar at Arts Place.

"It was a full house," Esa said of the three-hour art session on June 25.

"I was very happy the students were painting. I taught them all the techniques that I had learned."

Esa said he doesn't have a personal favourite piece of work.

The artist said the most recently completed would tend to be his favourite but once another is completed that latter becomes the favourite.

"I always have to keep improving. Each one will be outdone by the next," Esa said. Expression of His Art runs until Sunday, Aug. 28, at Arts Place Gallery, 714 King St. in Port Colborne. The gallery is open Thursdays to Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m.



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■ **MUSIC:** Rock in the Park promotes musical talent from Niagara

# Free concert has H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park rockin'

InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A fledgling rock concert hopes to strike the right chord when it comes to promoting talent in Niagara.

Uber Youth, along with its co-ordinator Rita Smith, and Ben Anders, a youth activist and music enthusiast, put on a concert for music fans

13 and older called Rock in the Park on Saturday in H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in Port Colborne.

"It's been good and very successful. The turnout has been really good and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves," Anders said.

Uber Youth started five years ago as a way to give youth something to do and

a place to hang out in Port Colborne. It was modeled on Welland's Youth Innovation Club and puts, among other events, concerts and talent shows in the Port Colborne area.

The concert on Saturday featured bands such as Hunters and Anglers, Thousand Young, Autumn Crush and a band from

Calgary, Inner-city Elegance.

"The bands are all very talented," Anders said. "There is a lot of really good talent around here who help the community a lot."

Anders said the free concert was a way to give back to the community, give children something to do instead of getting into trouble and create a sense of community among

people and bands.

"A lot of these kids could be out getting drunk, and it's way cooler to be here. Having fun and be sort of supervised, it's just great," Anders said.

He also thought the stage in the park should be used more often.

"In a perfect world, we would do this every weekend, the stage is just sitting here.

Someone should be using it," he said.

Brianne Lidstone, 19, the vocalist for Autumn Crush from St. Catharines, said it was important to support local talent in the community.

"It's good to be involved in the musical community in small towns because there is a lot of great talent and it needs to be supported," she said.



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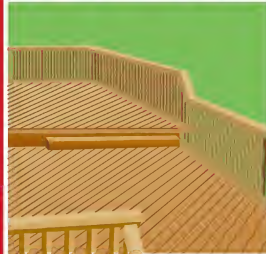
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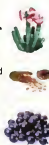
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